



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Esperanza Tree Removal

**PROJECT LOCATION** T3N, R13E, Portion of Section 28 MDBM

**COUNTY** Calaveras

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area is located in Calaveras County approximately 2 miles northeast of the community of Mountain Ranch. The project area is approximately 2,500 feet in elevation above sea level. Vegetation consists of a mixture of native oaks, pines and various planted species. The project area has been developed and the current CAL FIRE Esperanza Forest Fire Station occupies the site. The project area is approximately 2 acres in size. The proposed project will consist of the removal of any trees or other vegetation which are dead, dying or damaged at the fire station. The trees to be removed are a hazard to the fire station personnel and the public. Other vegetation removed or replaced will be done under general landscape maintenance of the station.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 15304- Minor Alterations to Land  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of 15304- Minor Alterations to Land.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE Tuolumne/Calaveras Unit Headquarters in San Andreas.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

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Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director Date  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

